

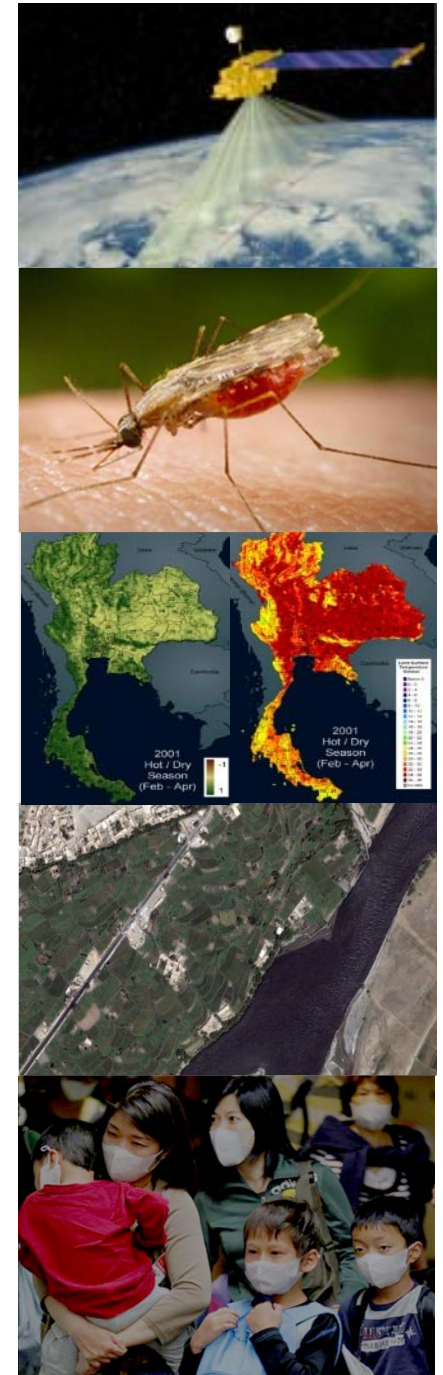


# ESTIMATING THE RISK OF VECTOR-BORNE INFECTIOUS DISEASE & ACUTE RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS USING SATELLITE DATA

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# AGENDA

- **Malaria in Thailand, Afghanistan and Korea**
- **Dengue in Indonesia**
- **Avian Influenza in Indonesia**
- **Seasonal Influenza in New York, Arizona and Hong Kong**

# MALARIA

## ■ Cause:

- *Plasmodium* spp (protozoan)
- Carried by *Anopheles* mosquito

## ■ Burden:

- 250 million cases each year
- 1 million deaths annually
- Every 30 seconds a child dies from malaria in Africa
- Cost ~ 1.3% of annual economic growth in high prevalence countries

- High Risk Group: Pregnant women, children and HIV/AIDS co-infection

Plasmodium  
infecting red  
blood cell

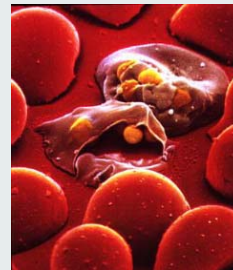
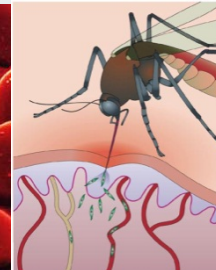


Image: Nat'l Geographic



Transmission  
through female  
*Anopheles* bite

Image: Nature

## ■ Treatment and Prevention:

Bed  
nets



Indoor  
spraying



Vector  
Control



Images: WHO

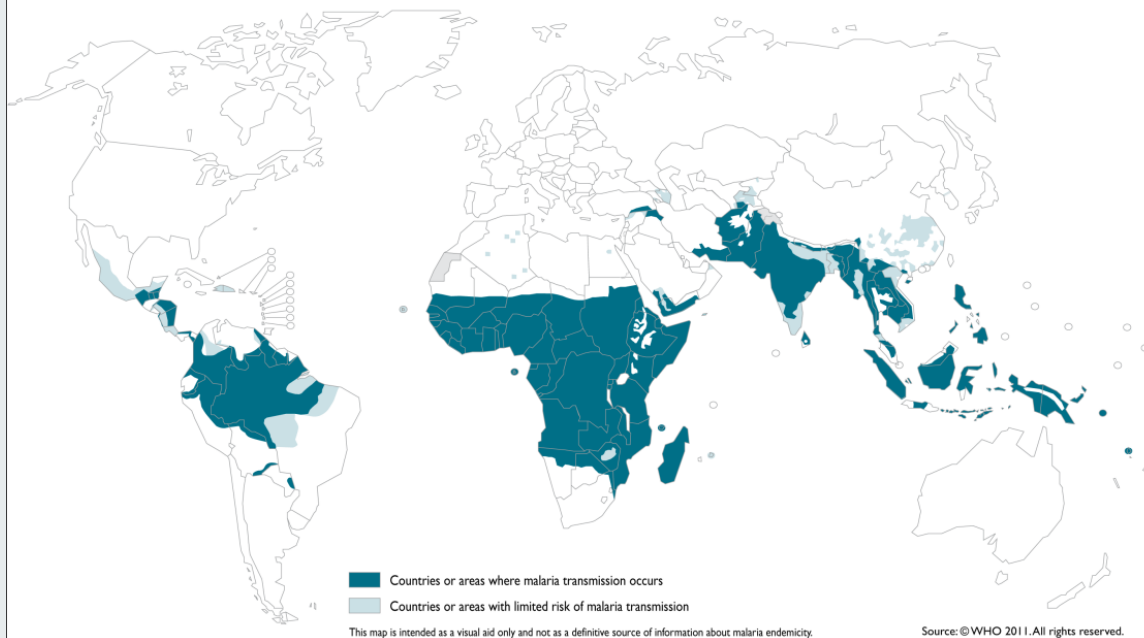
Artemisin-based  
Combination Therapy



# MALARIA

## *Malaria Distribution*

**Malaria, countries or areas at risk of transmission, 2010**

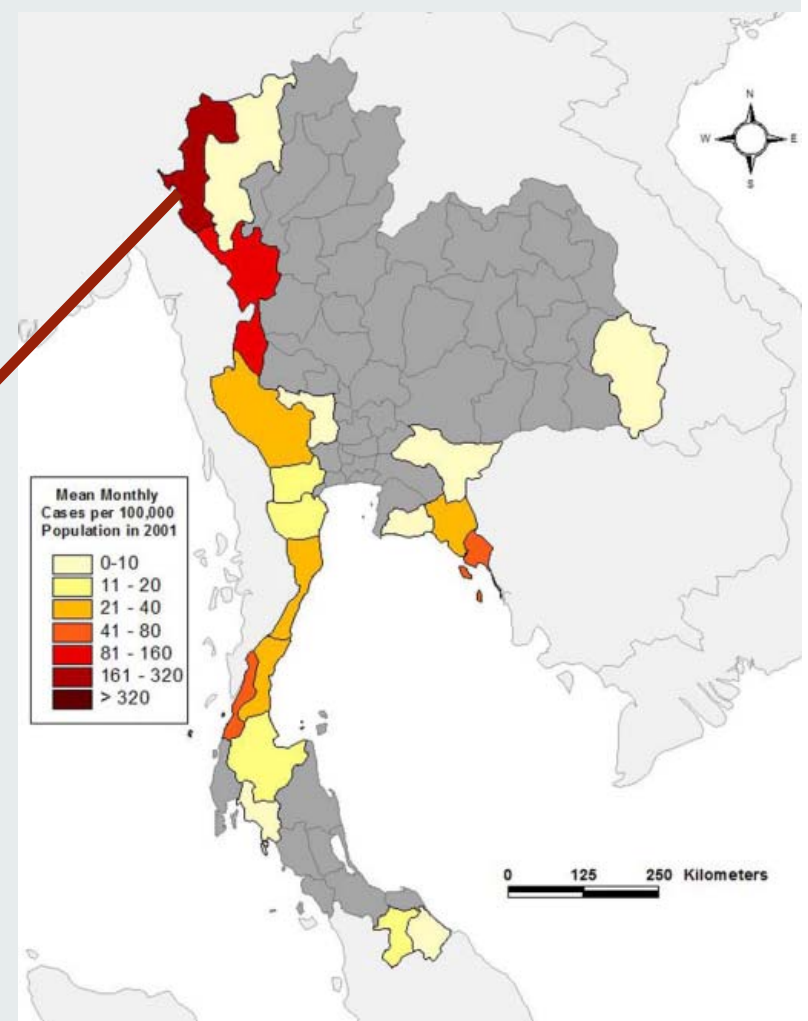
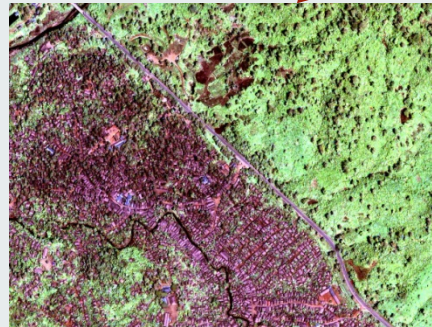


## *Role of climatic and environmental determinants*

Determinants	Effect
Temperature	Parasite + Vector: development and survival
Rainfall	Vector breeding habitat
Land-use, NDVI	Vector breeding habitat
Altitude	Vector survival
ENSO	Vector development, survival and breeding habitat

# MALARIA IN THAILAND

- Leading cause of morbidity and mortality in Thailand
- ~50% of population live in malarious area
- Most endemic provinces are bordering Myanmar & Cambodia
  - Significant immigrant population
  - Mae La Camp
    - Largest refugee camp
    - >30,000 population

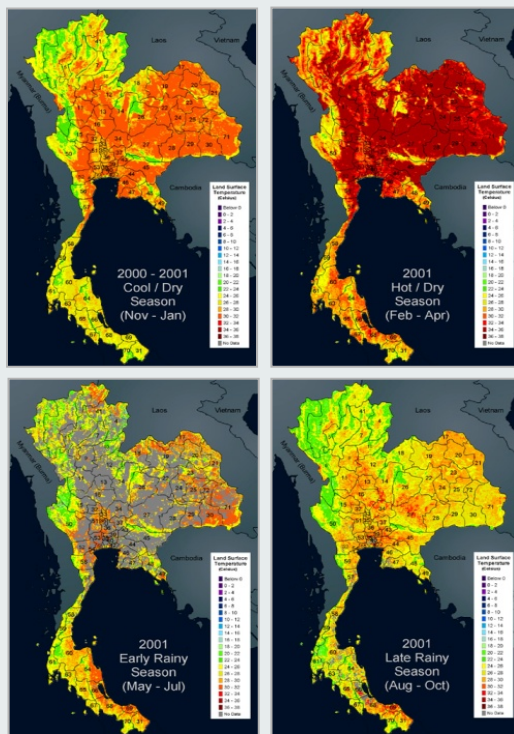




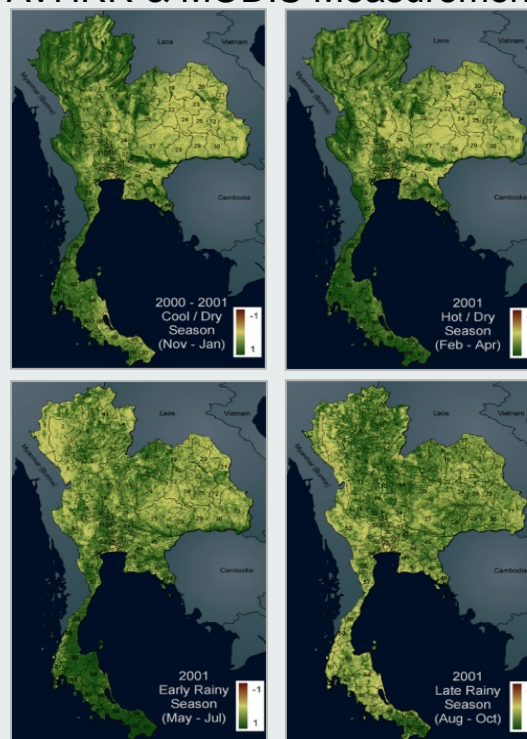
# MALARIA IN THAILAND

## ■ Satellite-observed meteorological & Environmental Parameters for 4 Thailand seasons

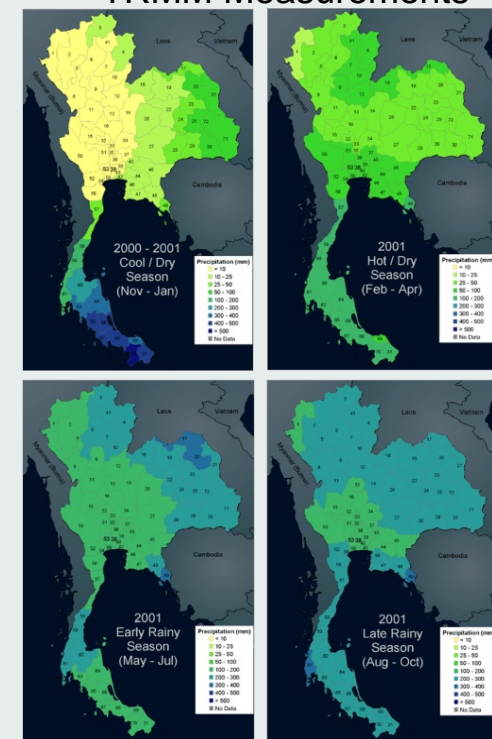
**Surface Temperature**  
MODIS Measurements



**Vegetation Index**  
AVHRR & MODIS Measurements



**Rainfall**  
TRMM Measurements

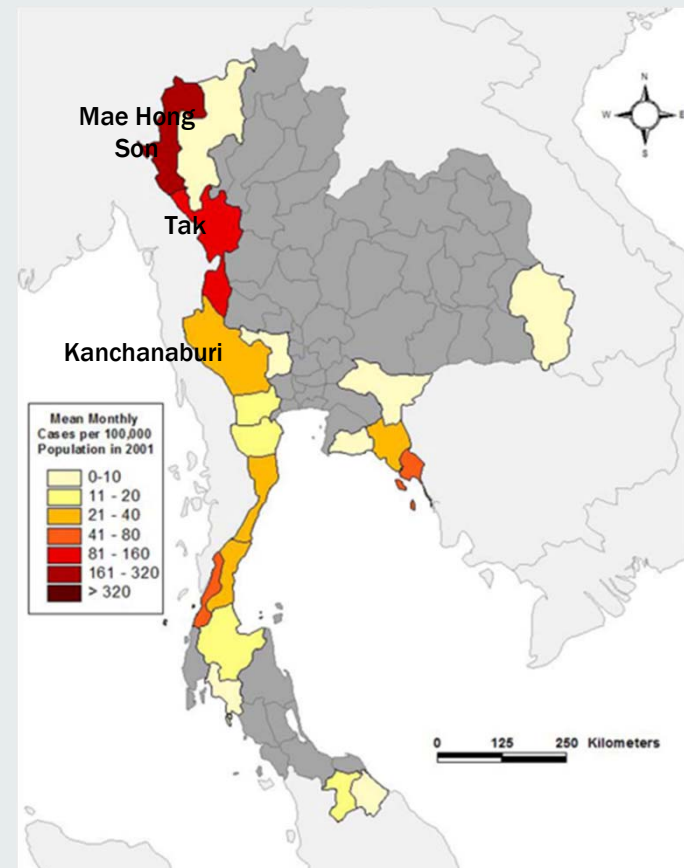
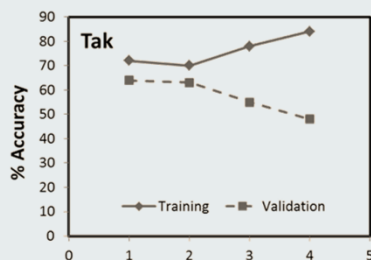
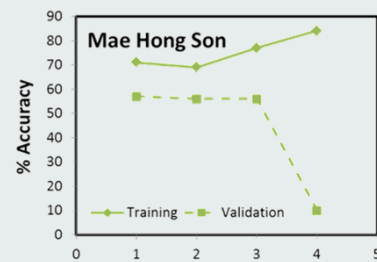
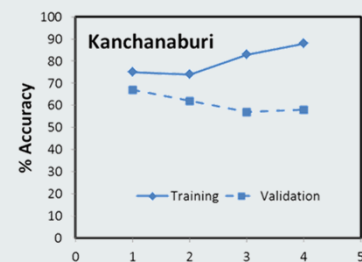


# MALARIA IN THAILAND

## ■ Neural Network training and validation accuracy

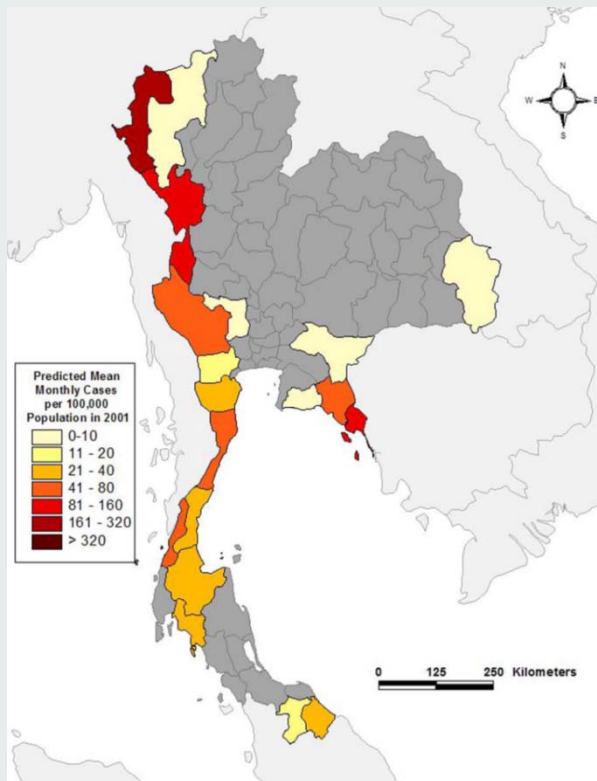
	Input	Hidden Layer	Hidden Node
<b>Model 1</b>	t, T, P, P (lag 1), H, V	1	1
<b>Model 2</b>	t, P, P (lag 1), H, V	1	1
<b>Model 3</b>	t, T, P, P (lag 1), H, V	1	2
<b>Model 4</b>	t, T, P, P (lag 1), H, V	1	3

t = time, T = temperature, P = precipitation, H = humidity, V = NDVI

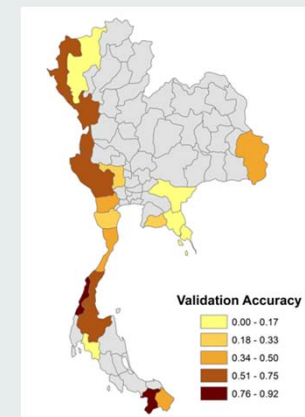
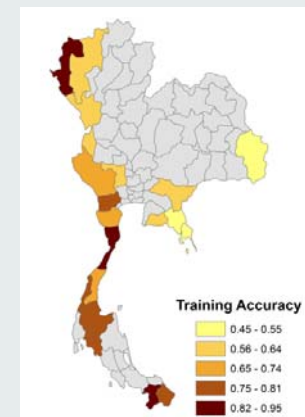
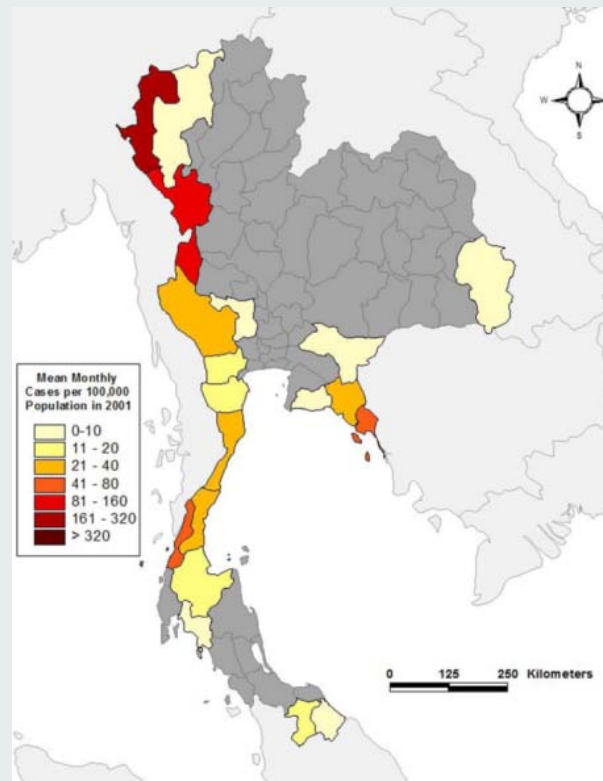


# MALARIA IN THAILAND

## Hindcast Incidence



## Actual Malaria Incidence



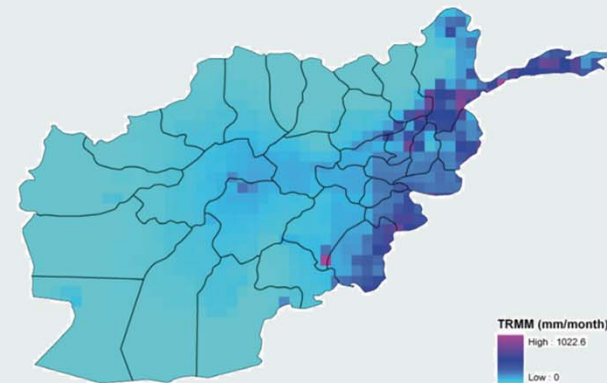


# MALARIA IN AFGHANISTAN

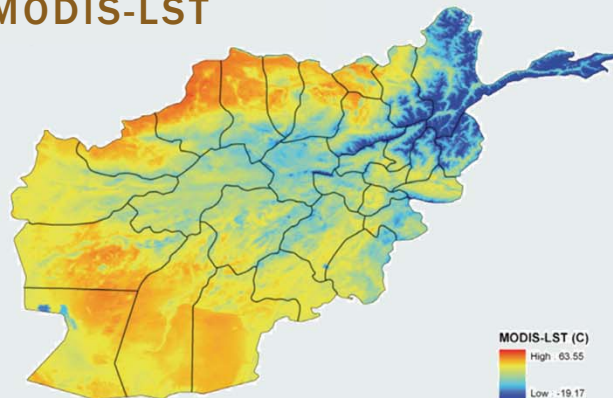
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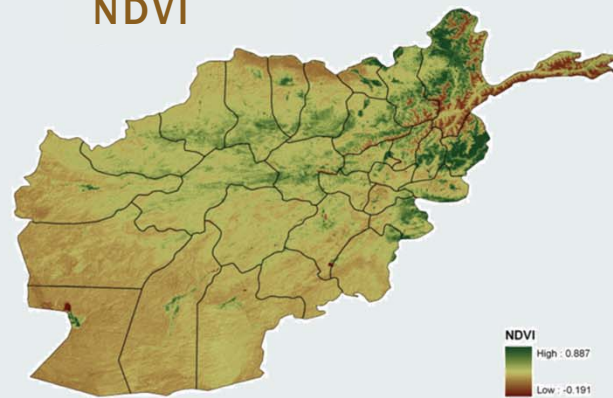
## TRMM



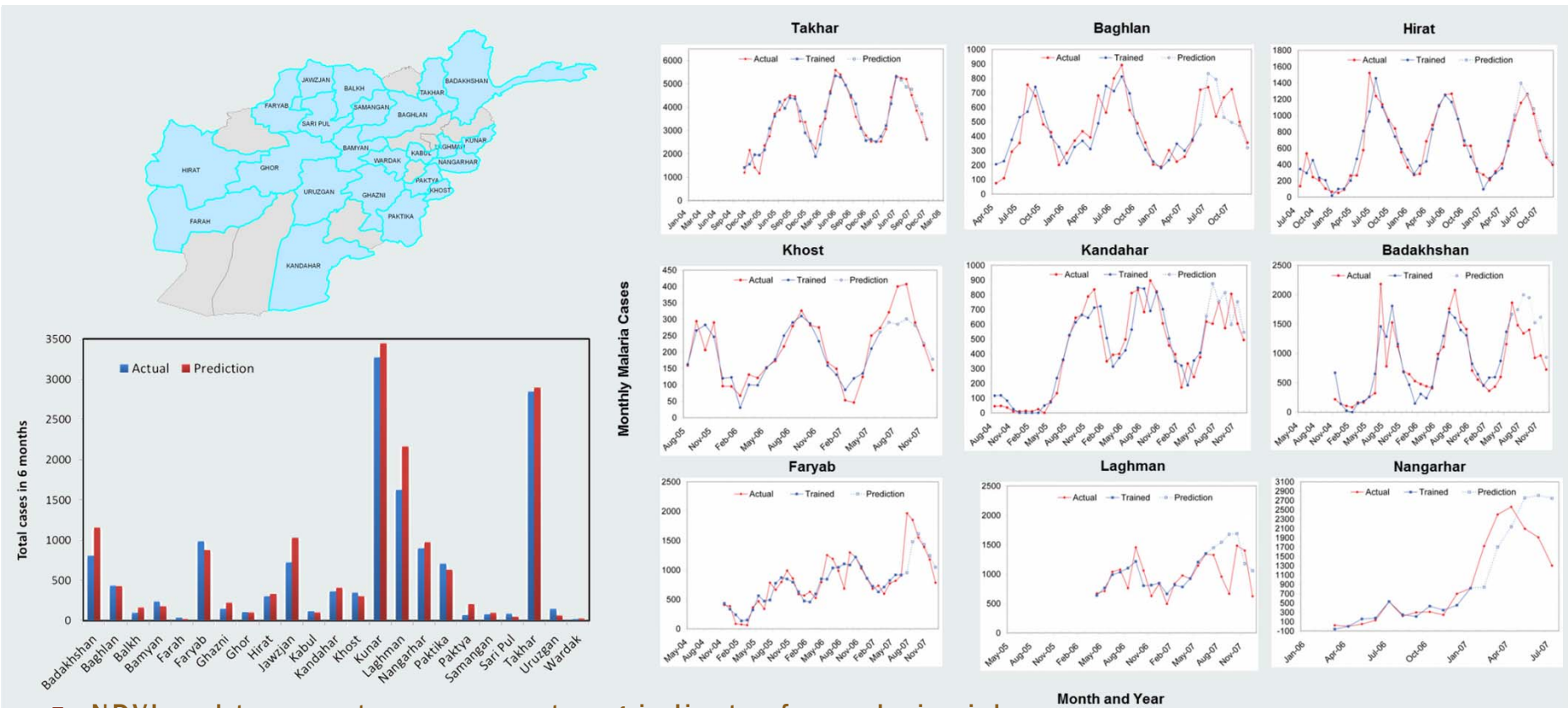
## MODIS-LST



NDVI



# MALARIA IN AFGHANISTAN

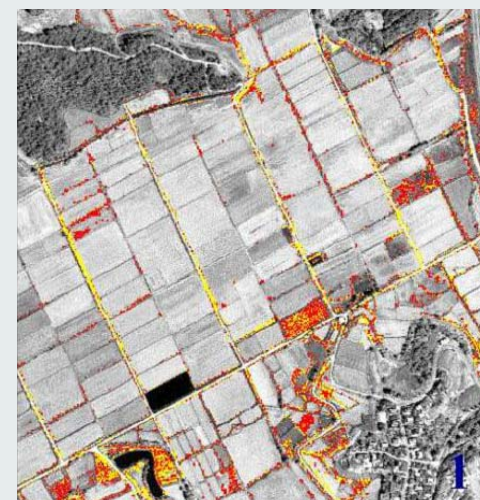
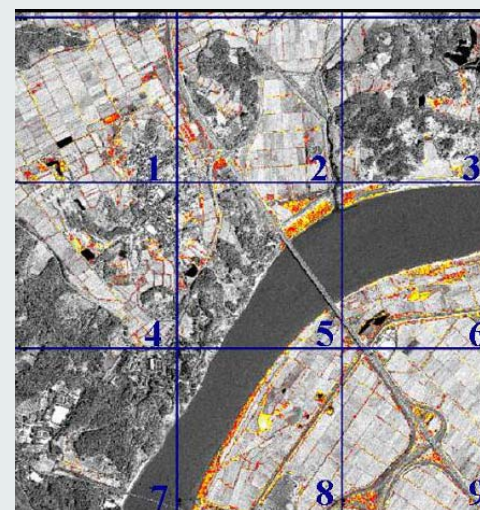


- NDVI and temperature were a strong indicator for malaria risk
- Precipitation is not a significant factor → Malaria risk is mainly due to irrigation as implied from the significant contribution from NDVI
- Average  $R^2$  is 0.845
- Short malaria time series (<2 years) pose a challenge for modeling and prediction

# MALARIA IN KOREA

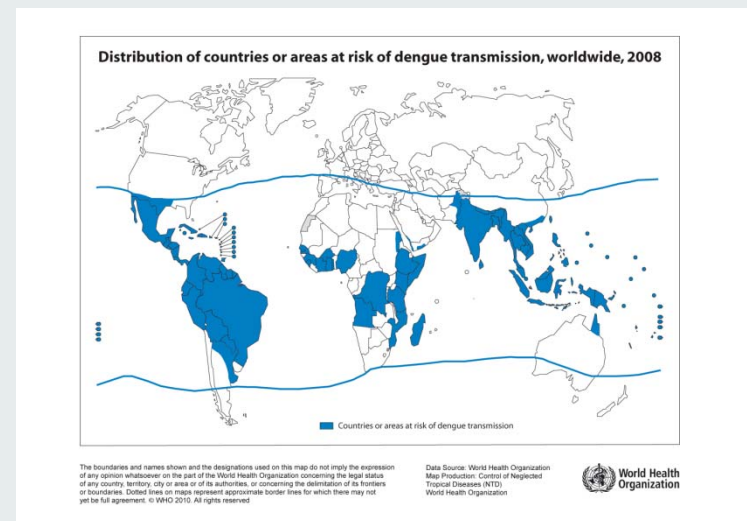
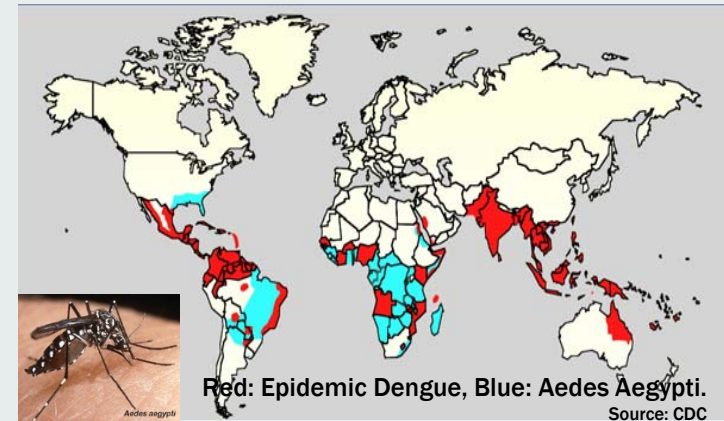
- Identification of potential larval habitat (irrigation and drainage ditches)

- US Army's Camp Greaves in South Korea (N. Kyunggi Province)
- 43 sample sites with predominant habitats of rice fields (26 sites) and ditches (13 sites)
- Classification using pan-sharpened 1-m resolution IKONOS data on a 3.2 x 3.2 km test site



# DENGUE

- Endemic in more than 110 countries
  - Tropical, subtropical, urban, peri-urban areas
- Annually infects 50 – 100 million people worldwide
- 12,500 – 25,000 deaths annually
- Symptoms: fever, headache, muscle and joint pains, and characteristic skin rash (similar to measles)
- Primarily transmitted by *Aedes* mosquitoes
  - Live between 35° N - 35° S latitude, >1000m elevation
- Four serotypes exist
  - Infection from one serotype may give lifelong immunity to that serotype, but only short-term to others
  - Secondary infection increases the severity risk





# DENGUE IN INDONESIA

## ■ Environmental variables used

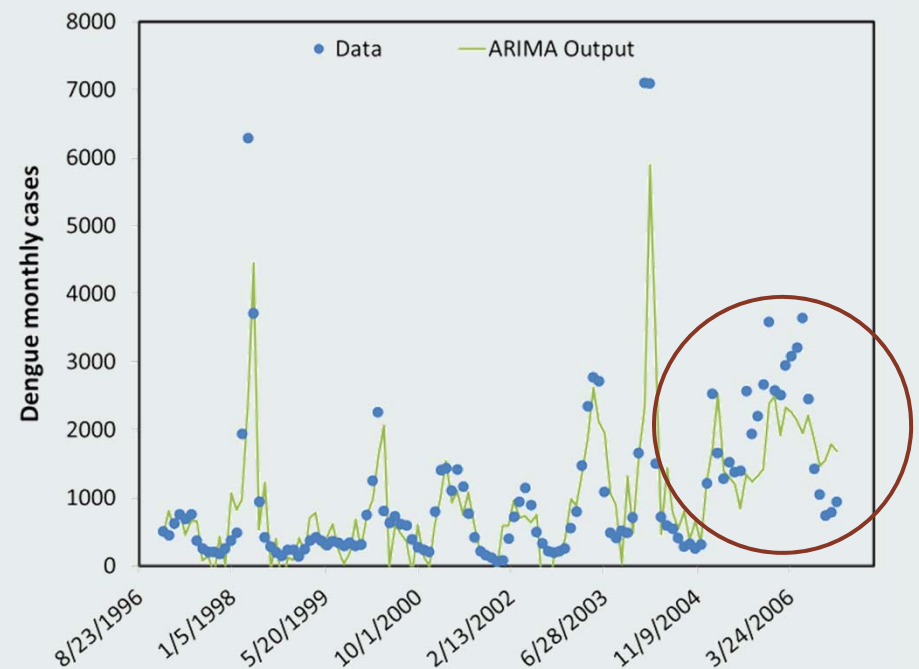
- Temperature, dew point, wind speed, TRMM, NDVI

## ■ Modeling method

- ARIMA – Auto Regressive Integrated Moving Average
- Classical time series regression
- Accounts for seasonality

## ■ Result

- Best-fit model uses TRMM and Dew Point as inputs
- Peak timing can be modeled accurately up to year 2004
- Vector control effort by the local government started in the early 2005





# AVIAN INFLUENZA

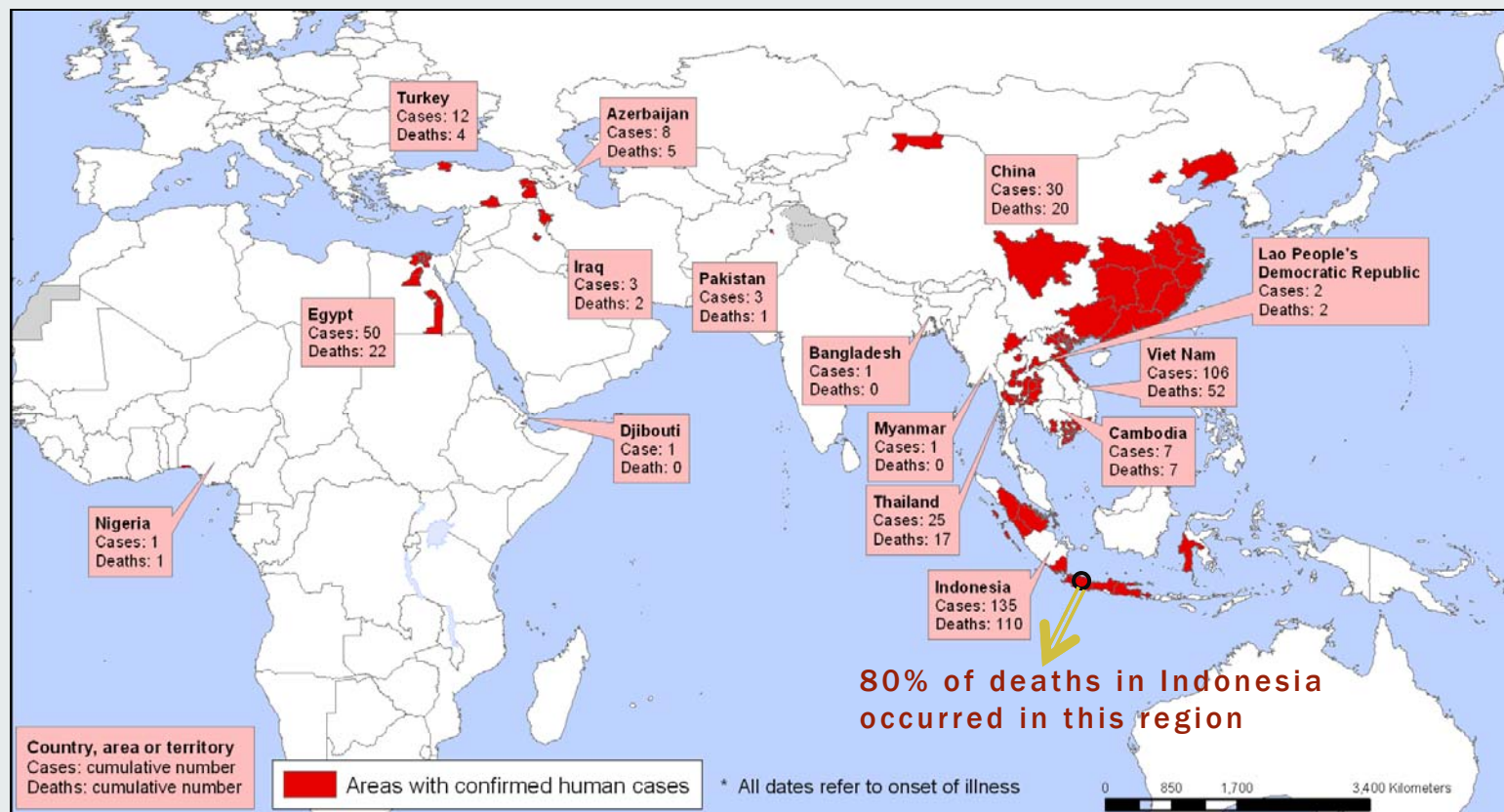
## ■ The problem

- First appeared in Hong Kong in 1996-1997, HPAI has spread to approximately 60 countries. More than 250 million poultry were lost.
- 35% of the human cases are in Indonesia. Worldwide the mortality rate is 53%, but 81% in Indonesia. In Indonesia, 80% of all fatal cases occurred in 3 adjacent provinces.
- Co-infection of human and avian influenza in humans may produce deadly strains of viruses through genetic reassortment.
- HPAI H5N1 was found in Delaware in 2004.
- The risk of an H5, H7 or H9 pandemic is not reduced or replaced by the 2009 H1N1 pandemic.



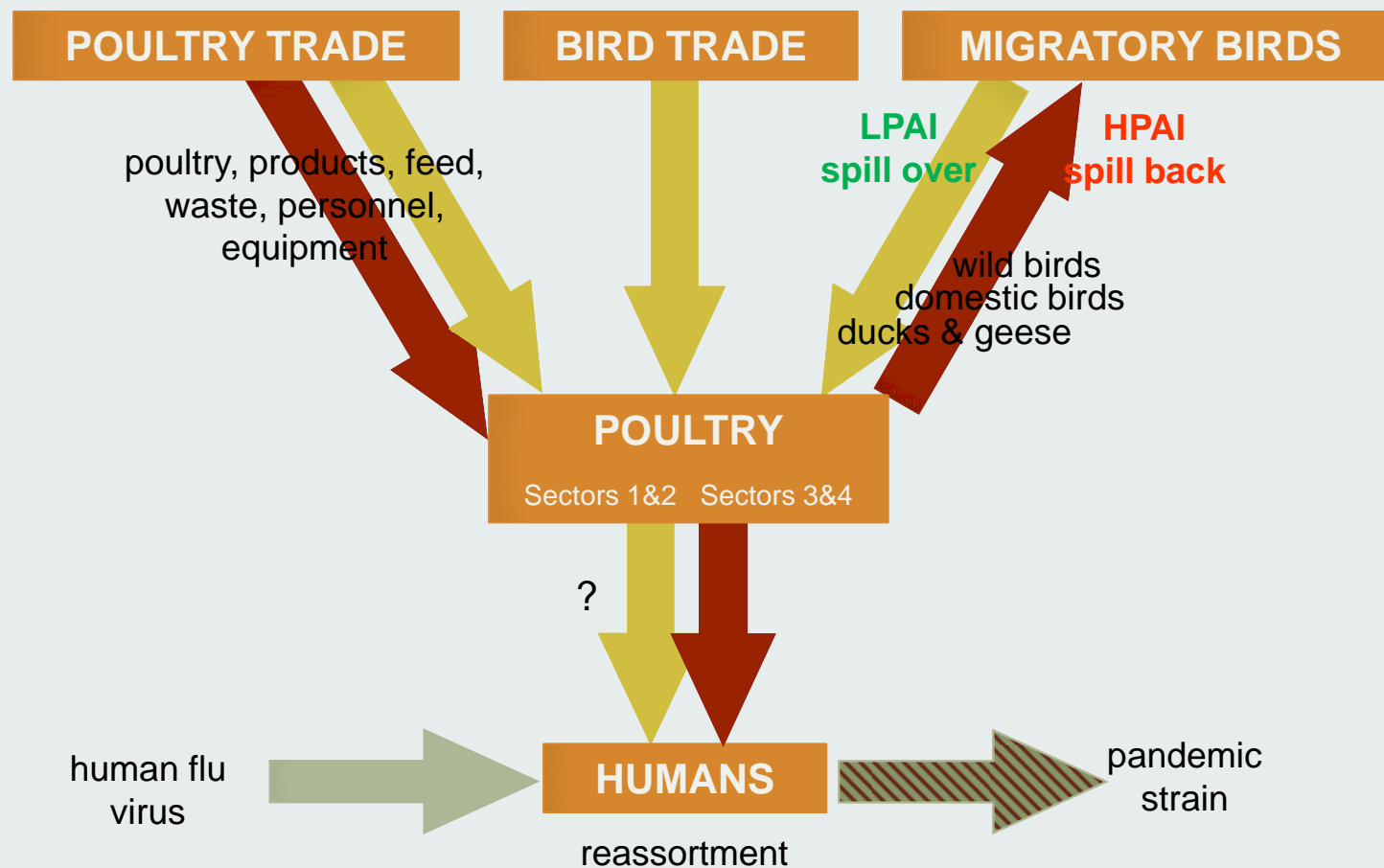
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Indonesia has 35% of the world's human cases with 81% mortality. For the rest of the world, mortality is 53%



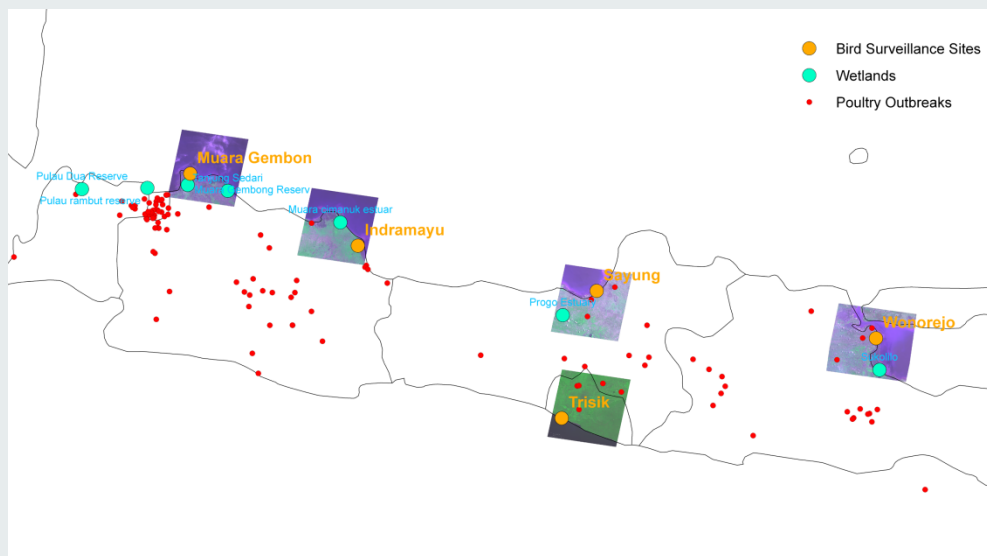
# AVIAN INFLUENZA

## ■ H5N1 Transmission Pathways



# AVIAN INFLUENZA

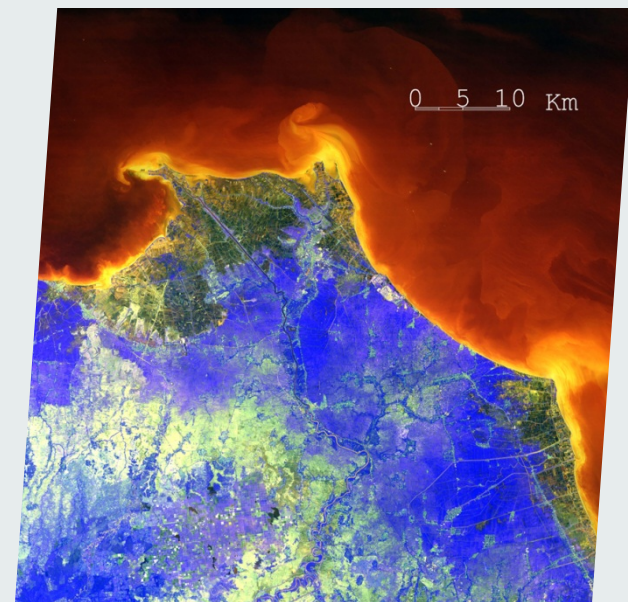
## ■ NAMRU-2 Bird surveillance sites on Java



## ■ EU's & UK's Practice:

- 3 km protection zone
- 10 km surveillance zone
- Larger restricted zone

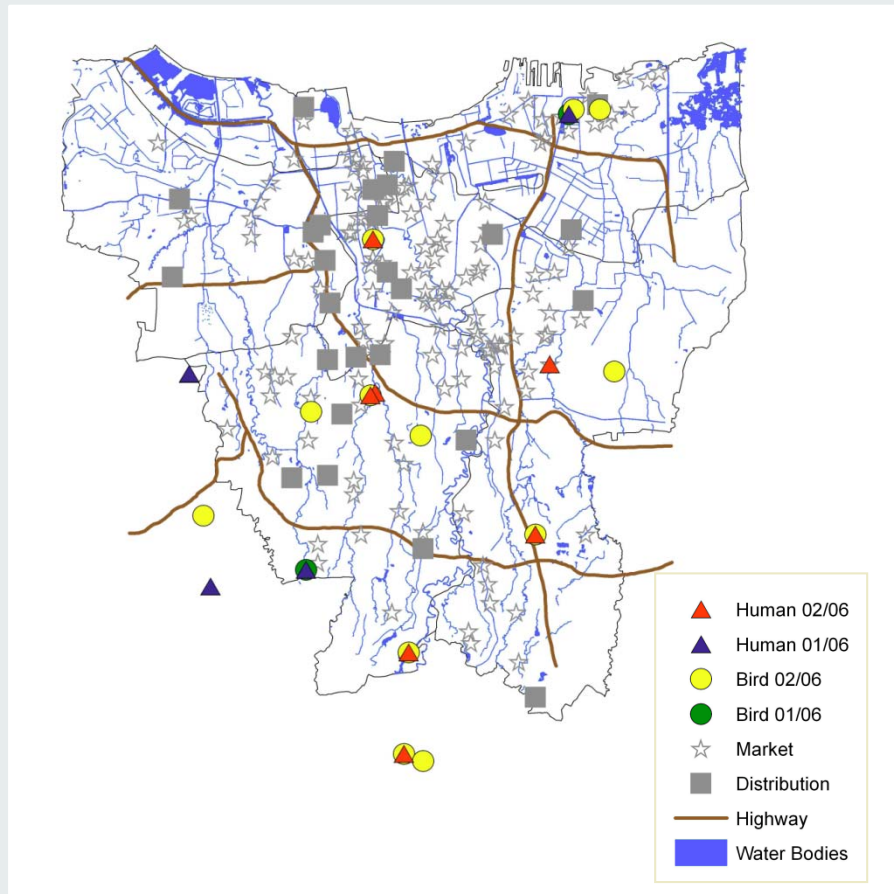
- Buffer zones can be established to limit the spread of H5N1 around wetlands and nearby farmlands



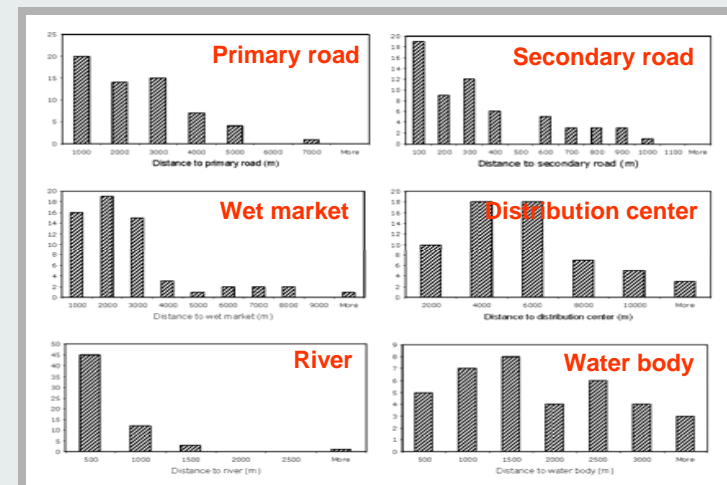
ASTER image showing NAMRU-2 bird surveillance site around *Muara Cimanuk* estuary

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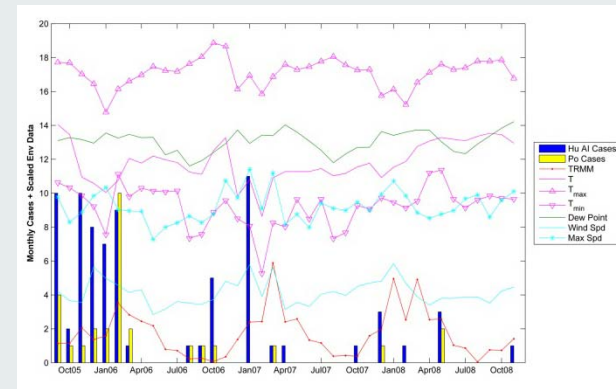
## ■ Poultry and human outbreaks in Greater Jakarta



## ■ Distance from outbreaks



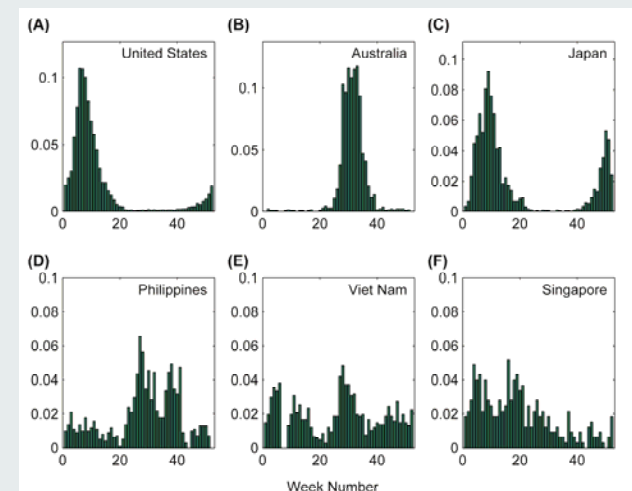
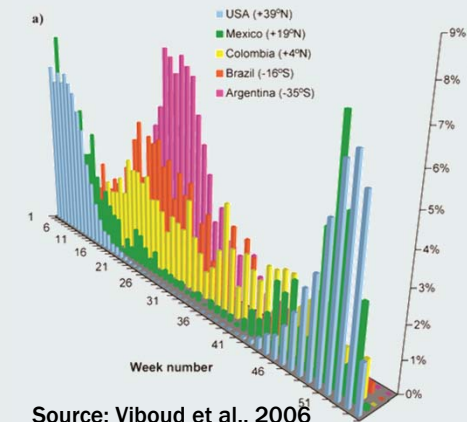
## ■ Cases vs Meteorological factors





# SEASONAL INFLUENZA

- **Worldwide annual epidemic**
  - Infects 5 – 20% of population with 500,000 deaths
- **Economic burden in the US**  
~US\$87.1billion
- **Spatio-temporal pattern of epidemics vary with latitude**
  - Role of environmental and climatic factors
- **Temperate regions: distinct annual oscillation with winter peak**
- **Tropics: less distinct seasonality and often peak more than once a year**

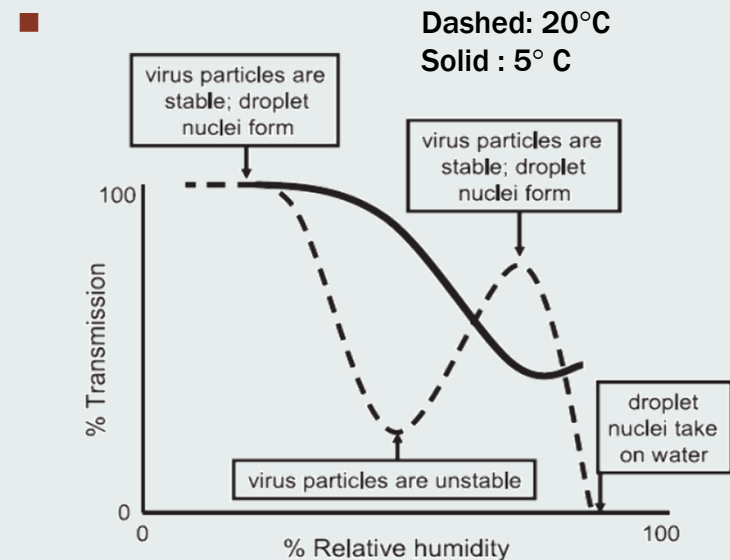


# SEASONAL INFLUENZA

## ■ Factors implicated in influenza

Influenza Process	Factors	Relationship
<i>Virus Survivorship</i>	Temperature	Inverse
	Humidity	Inverse
	Solar irradiance	Inverse
<i>Transmission Efficiency</i>	Temperature	Inverse
	Humidity	Inverse
	Vapor pressure	Inverse
	Rainfall	Proportional
	ENSO	Proportional
<i>Host susceptibility</i>	Air travels and holidays	Proportional
	Sunlight	Inverse
	Nutrition	Varies

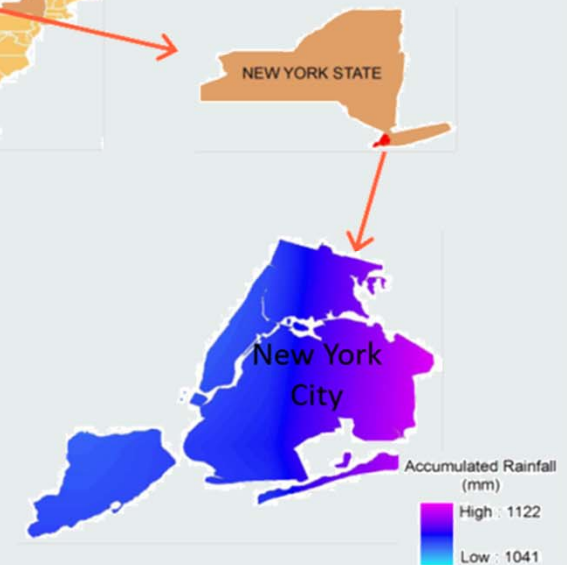
## ■ *Ex Vivo* study showing efficient transmission at dry and cold condition [Lowens et al., 2007]



## ■ High temperature (30°C) blocks aerosol transmission *but not contact transmission*

# SEASONAL INFLUENZA

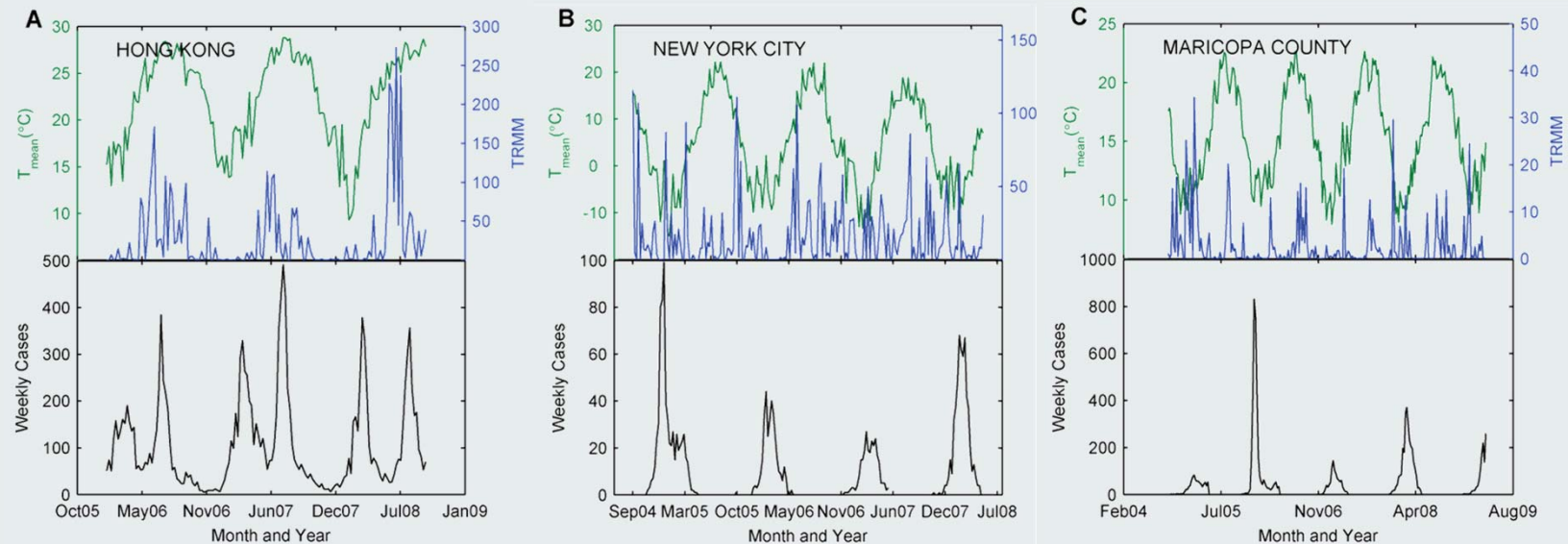
	Hong Kong, China	Maricopa County, AZ	New York City, NY
<b>Center Lat.</b>	22° N	33° N	40° N
<b>Climate</b>	Sub-Tropical	Sub-Tropical	Temperate
<b>General Condition</b>	Hot & humid during summer. Mild winter, average low of 6°C	Dry condition. Mean winter low is 5°C, and summer high is 41°C	Cold winter, average low of -2°C. Mean summer high is 29°C



# SEASONAL INFLUENZA

## DATA

- Weekly lab-confirmed influenza positive
- Daily environmental data were aggregated into weekly
- Satellite-derived data
  - TRMM 3B42
  - LST - MODIS
- Ground station data



# SEASONAL INFLUENZA

- Several techniques were employed, including:

## ***ARIMA (AutoRegressive Integrated Moving Average)***

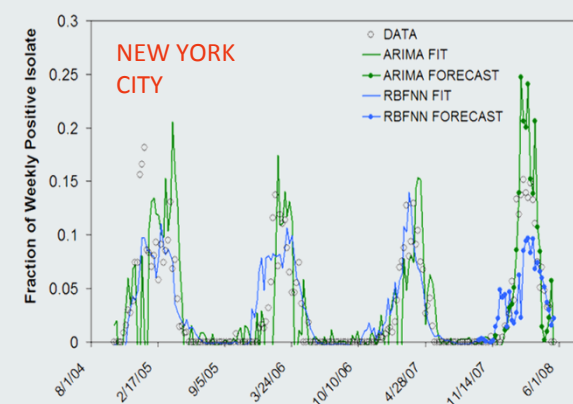
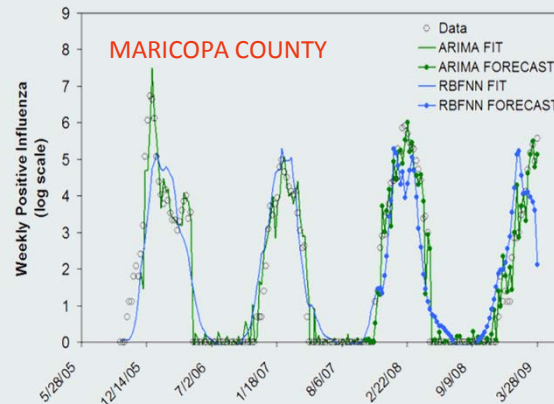
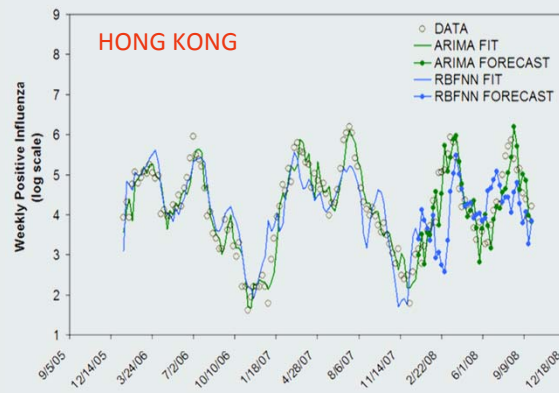
- Classical time series regression  
Accounts for autocorrelation and seasonality properties
- Climatic variables as covariates
- Previous week(s) count of influenza is included in the inputs
- Results published in PLoS ONE 5(3): 9450, 2010

## ***Neural Network (NN)***

- Artificial intelligence technique
- Widely applied for
  - approximating functions,
  - Classification, and
  - pattern recognition
- Takes into account nonlinear relationship
- Radial Basis Function NN with 3 nodes in the hidden layer
- Only climatic variables and their lags as inputs/predictors



# SEASONAL INFLUENZA



- NN models show that ~60% of influenza variability in the US regions can be accounted by meteorological factors
- ARIMA model performs better for Hong Kong and Maricopa
  - Previous cases are needed
  - Suggests the role of contact transmission
- Temperature seems to be the common determinants for influenza in all regions

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